

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1173

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Bill) and Olson (Mel) and Senators Bogue and Moore

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a constitutional revision commission to make a
2 comprehensive study of the Constitution of this state and to consider and recommend
3 legislation for the improvement of the Constitution.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. A commission is hereby created to provide for and enter into a comprehensive
6 study of the South Dakota Constitution to determine ways and means to improve and simplify
7 the Constitution.

8 Section 2. The commission shall consist of thirteen members to be appointed as follows:

9 (1) Three by the president pro tempore of the South Dakota Senate, from current
10 members thereof, no more than two may be from one political party;

11 (2) Three by the speaker of the South Dakota House of Representatives, from current
12 members thereof, no more than two may be from one political party;

13 (3) Three by the Governor of South Dakota, each of whom shall be residents of the state
14 and no more than two may be from one political party;

15 (4) Two by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Dakota from the members



1 in good standing of the State Bar of South Dakota, one of whom may be a judge of
2 a court of record in this state; and

3 (5) Two by the Governor, each of whom shall be a faculty member of a university or
4 college political science department located in the state.

5 Section 3. The commission shall meet during the 2003 and 2004 legislative interims. The
6 commission may hold meetings and hearings at times and places as it may designate. It shall elect
7 a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary.

8 Section 4. The Legislative Research Council shall serve as the secretariat of the commission.
9 The Legislative Research Council shall assist in the conduct of such studies as may be directed
10 by the commission, utilizing the aid of consultants, private organizations, and institutions.

11 Section 5. Legislative members of the commission shall be compensated as if members of an
12 interim committee. Nonlegislative members of the commission shall be compensated in the same
13 manner as legislative members.

14 Section 6. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations in the form of
15 proposed amendments to the Constitution to the Legislature at its regular sessions in 2004 and
16 2005.

17 Section 7. The commission shall terminate on July 1, 2005.